

## House Resolution No. 67

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Thelma Adams, a treasured resident of Ozark, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Eightieth Birthday on March 16, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held in Ozark; and

**Whereas**, Thelma Adams came into this world in Pleasant Grove on March 16, 1924, as the fourth of five children born to proud and loving parents Creath and Eva (Honeycutt) Herd, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, Thelma attended elementary school in Center Point and graduated from Gainesville High School in 1942 before teaching in a one-room rural school house in Marion County, Arkansas, and working for the Curtiss-Wright Corporation Airplane Division as a production riveter during World War II; and

**Whereas**, Thelma embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life in Harrison, Arkansas, on November 24, 1945, when she married her beloved Arthur Dean Adams, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared fifty-seven years, six months, and twenty-seven days of wedded success and happiness until his passing from this world on June 20, 2003 ; and

**Whereas**, a regular member of the Reverend Hillhouse Gospel Singers radio program, Thelma Adams was appointed District Deputy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star District No. 54 in 1970, and served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1976; and

**Whereas**, a licensed cosmetologist and proud owner of Thelma's Beauty Shops in Springfield and Ozark who co-owned and operated several neighborhood cafes in Springfield and Adams Funeral Home in Ozark with her husband, Thelma Adams has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her children and their spouses, Valerie Adams, E. Dean and Mary Adams, Terry Adams, and Jeff and Andra Adams; her grandchildren, Sarah and Mark Orr, Arthur Dean Adams, II, and Jesse Adams; and her great-granddaughter, Emily Orr:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Thelma Adams as she proudly celebrates eighty years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri octogenarian Thelma Adams, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jerry Bough  
District No. 142

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 67, adopted January 14, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker